Amendments to the Claims

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1.   (Currently amended) A ~~controller for use with a~~ fabric grooming device, comprising:

a housing having a steam generator, a fluid reservoir, a heating plate, and a controller therein;

wherein the controller has

a plurality of input selectors;

a plurality of output indicators;

a digital display panel for displaying scrolled text and segmented text;

a steam selector that is operatively connected to the ~~a~~ steam generator to provide selective manipulation of steam generation levels; and

an impact sensor that automatically deactivates the fabric grooming device in response to sensory input ascertained as a consequence of the fabric grooming device being dropped,

wherein each of said plurality of input selectors, said plurality of output indicators and said digital display panel are incorporated on an interactive user interface,

wherein said interactive user interface is operatively connected to a microprocessor,

wherein said interactive user interface is integrated onto the ~~a~~ handle of the fabric grooming device,

wherein at least one of said plurality of input selectors is a temperature setting selector, ~~and~~

wherein at least another one of said plurality of input selectors is a fabric setting selector,

wherein each of said plurality of input selectors have an image or symbol associated therewith for identifying the function and/or operation corresponding thereto;

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wherein at least one of said plurality of input selectors is a touch-sensitive LED panel, and

wherein at least one of said plurality of output selectors is a touch-sensitive LED panel.

2. through 14. (Canceled).

15. (Currently amended) The device ~~controller~~ of claim 1, wherein said microprocessor is operatively connected to a sound generator, one or more sensors, and/or a heater.

16. (Currently amended) The device ~~controller~~ of claim 15, wherein said microprocessor is also operatively connected to a timer.

17. (Currently amended) The device ~~controller~~ of claim 16, wherein said microprocessor is operatively connected to a vibrator.

18. (Currently amended) A ~~controller for~~ a fabric grooming device comprising:
a housing having a steam generator, a fluid reservoir, a heating plate, and a controller therein;
wherein the controller has
a ~~digital~~ touch-sensitive LED display panel ~~having a segmented LCD display suitable for displaying segmented text and a scrolling LCD display suitable for displaying scrolling text~~;
a microprocessor operatively connected with said digital display panel;
a plurality of input selectors; ~~and~~
a plurality of output selectors,

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a steam selector that is operatively connected to <u>the</u> ~~a~~
steam generator to provide selective manipulation of steam
generation levels; and

an impact sensor that automatically deactivates the
fabric grooming device in response to sensory input ascertained
as a consequence of the fabric grooming device being dropped,

wherein each of said plurality of input selectors, said
plurality of output indicators and said digital display panel are
incorporated on an interactive user interface,

wherein said interactive user interface and/or said
microprocessor are operatively connected to any of a variety of
operational features of said fabric grooming device to facilitate
interactive operational control thereof, and

wherein said interactive user interface is integrated
onto <u>the</u> ~~a~~ handle of the fabric grooming device.

19.   (Currently amended) A <u>fabric grooming device</u> ~~controller~~
~~operatively associated with a fabric grooming device~~ comprising:

<u>a housing having a steam generator, a fluid reservoir, a</u>
<u>heating plate, and a controller therein;</u>

<u>wherein the controller has</u>

a ~~digital~~ <u>touch-sensitive LED</u> display panel ~~having a~~
~~segmented LCD display suitable for displaying segmented text and a~~
~~scrolling LCD display suitable for displaying scrolling text~~; ~~and~~

a steam selector that is operatively connected to <u>the</u> ~~a~~
steam generator to provide selective manipulation of steam
generation levels; and

an impact sensor that automatically deactivates the
fabric grooming device in response to sensory input ascertained
as a consequence of the fabric grooming device being dropped,

wherein said digital display panel and said steam
selector are incorporated on an interactive user interface,

wherein said interactive user interface provides

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interactive communication between a user and the fabric grooming
device;

wherein said interactive user interface is operatively
connected with a microprocessor and one or more sensors, a sound
generator, and a heater, and

wherein said interface is integrated onto the ~~a~~ handle
of the fabric grooming device.

20.   (Currently amended) A <u>fabric grooming device</u> ~~user
interface associated with a control for a fabric grooming device,
the user interface~~ comprising:

<u>a housing having a steam generator, a fluid reservoir, a
heating plate, and a controller therein;</u>

<u>wherein the controller has</u>

a plurality of input selectors for inputting user
instruction, wherein at least one of said plurality of input
selectors is a touch sensitive panel;

a plurality of output indicators for outputting
operational information;

a microprocessor operatively connected to said
plurality of input selectors and said plurality of output
indicators, wherein said user interface is integrated onto <u>the</u> ~~a~~
handle of the fabric grooming device;

a ~~segmented LCD~~ <u>a touch-sensitive LED</u> display panel
~~suitable for displaying segmented text~~;

a ~~scrolling LCD display panel suitable for displaying
scrolling text~~;

a steam selector that is operatively connected to <u>the</u> ~~a~~
steam generator to provide selective manipulation of steam
generation levels; and

an impact sensor that automatically deactivates the
fabric grooming device in response to sensory input ascertained
as a consequence of the fabric grooming device being dropped.

21. through 87. (Canceled).